

changes made in the underlying PCT application during the international stage. These amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/01835 includes an International Search Report, dated November 22, 2000. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the search for the underlying PCT Application. A copy of the Search Report is included herewith.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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